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**COMMENTS:**

*From the desk of Allen C. Black, Ph.D.*

Dear Ms. Skibinsky:

Attached are copies of the patent application and Proposed Points of Discussion for the Interview after Final scheduled for November 7, 2007 (3:00 p.m.).

Please let me know if you received these documents safely and if you have any questions:

Proposed Points of Discussion

Patent App.

Sent by: Debra Thompson

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Interview after Final

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- 1) The claims have been amended to emphasize that the methods and composition provides high throughput, high sensitivity multiplex data using dual, triple or greater fluorochromes. Such a multiplex analysis of RNA expression profile is not suggested or described in any of the references.
- 2) Applicants wish to point out that the references cited do not provide an indication of unexpected results, which the inventors found, such as the vastly increased sensitivity (greater than 100 fold in some instances) and large multiplex capabilities (i.e., the ability to measure over 100 analytes in a single run).

Applicants respectfully request that the following claims be reviewed either for an allowance after-final or as a basis of an amendment for an RCE.

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